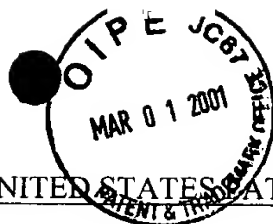


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 26, 2000, said period of response being extended from December 26, 2000 to February 26, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$390.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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